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Applicant : Woodard, et al.  
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HYDRODYNAMICALLY SUSPENDED IMPELLER  
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action dated April 20, 2005, in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 5, 6 and 42 are cancelled, and claims 43 and 45 are amended in this reply.